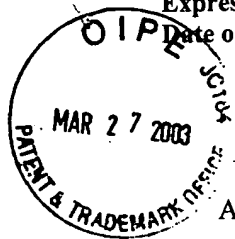


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2002 NON-FINAL OFFICE  
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This paper is in response to the September 27, 2002 Office Action. Applicants are filing this Amendment and Response including a petition for a three month extension of time with the appropriate fee, making the date of response due on March 27, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-697 (Cura-197).

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.